

Lakeside Pastoral Region Bulletin

The Catholic Parishes of Booragul Warners Bay, Toronto and Morisset

St Michael the Archangel - 46 Ranclaud Street, Booragul

St Mary's - 2 Bayview Street, Warners Bay

St Joseph's - 140 Wangi Road, Toronto

Sts Patrick & Brigid - 6 Martinsville Road, Cooranbong

St John Vianney - 60 Yambo Street, Morisset

We acknowledge the Awabakal & Darkinjung people - the traditional custodians of this place

SUNDAY, 18 OCTOBER 2026

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

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torontoparish.org

www.vianneymorisset.org

BAPTISMS & SACRAMENTS

Booking via Parish Website

Baptisms celebrated most Sundays.

UPCOMING MASS TIMES:

Sat 17 Oct

Mass	5:00pm	Cooranbong
Mass	5:30pm	Booragul

Sun 18 Oct

Mass	8:30am	Toronto
Mass	9:00am	Warners Bay
Mass	10:00am	Morisset
Mass	6:00pm	Warners Bay

Tue 20 Oct

Mass	9:30am	Morisset
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Wed 21 Oct

Mass	9:00am	Booragul
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Thu 22 Oct

Mass	9:30am	Warners Bay
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Fri 23 Oct

Mass	9:30am	Toronto
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Dear Parish Family,

"Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

Australia is quickly becoming a cashless society with many now choosing the simple option of a card with "tap and go"! I remember when I was in my teens, they talked about it and I thought what a different world it would be. We still have our notes and coins, which on one side traditionally carries the image of the reigning monarch. The reason is because technically it belongs to them, issued under the authority of the Crown.

If you recall King Charles' coronation a few years back, much was made of the fact that they were saying he is anointed by God. This is different to the Roman emperors who actually saw themselves as gods. So, by the year 63BC (before Christ), the Romans had conquered Israel, and with this conquest came heavy taxes. If you didn't have enough money to pay your taxes, then it was off to jail. As we know the Romans were smart - they employed local people as the tax collectors; therefore the anger of the people was directed at their own countrymen rather than at Rome itself. No one really likes paying taxes, but when we see the revenue being used for the benefit of the community, such as for roads, schools, health etc., we generally are accepting of them. In Jesus time, however, much of the money flowed back to the Roman Empire. Therefore, it is no surprise that many Jews hated paying taxes to Rome.

Over the past few weeks, we have seen Jesus challenging the chief priest and elders through a series of parables. He questioned their loyalty to God and exposed their failure to be more caring to those widows, sick, orphans etc. Today's Gospel is, in many ways, them getting back at him. The Pharisees attempt to put Jesus into a no-win situation. We are told they "sent their disciples in, together with the Herodians". Normally these two groups didn't work together. In this unholy alliance we have the defenders of the Jewish tradition (the Pharisees) and the royal supporters who worked in alliance with the Romans (the Herodians).

How are they going to trap Jesus, by asking a simple question: is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor or not? The problem - If Jesus accepts taxation from Rome, then he loses the support of the people and the support of almost all Jewish factions; but if he rejects Rome's taxation, it will make himself liable to arrest and trial for being a political rebel. The Herodians want an answer favouring taxation, the Pharisees want an answer rejecting it. Either way, they believe they have him cornered and in a no-win situation! So, what does Jesus do? He flips the question on them by asking for a coin. The very fact that they had a coin in their possession revealed something important. By having a coin, they automatically took an obligation to the sovereign; in other words, they were more concerned about Caesar as sovereign then they were even about God.

Jesus closes the argument with the statement: Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar but more importantly give to God what belongs to God. All that we are and all that we have is given and belongs to God. Hence Jesus' call to love God and to love our neighbour always reminds us of that great gift which we have been given: the gift of each other and that of creation. These gifts need to be cared for and nurtured.

Next week will be the last bulletin before I begin my annual leave returning on Friday 20th November. While I am away, Fr Paul, Fr Patrick, Fr John and the Parish Hub will be taking care of things. I look forward to returning refreshed and ready for the busy weeks leading into Advent and Christmas.

Have a blessed week.

Fr Darryl Mackie

PP/Administrator

**Twenty-ninth Sunday
in Ordinary Time Year A
Sunday 18 Oct 2026**

First Reading (Isaiah 45:1.4-6)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you
that men may know from the rising to the setting of the
sun
that, apart from me, all is nothing.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7)

(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. **(R.)**
2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens. **(R.)**
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. **(R.)**
4. Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. **(R.)**



Second Reading (1 Thessalonians 1:1-5)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians
From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in
Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and
the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you
all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you
have shown your faith in action, worked for love and
persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have
been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to
you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as
the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

Gospel Acclamation (Philippians 2:15. 16)

Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 22:15-21)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to
trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to
him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know
that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an
honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a
man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then.
Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was
aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do
you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the
tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose
head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then
said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to
Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

Anointing Mass
Thursday 20th November 2026 at 11am
St Joseph's Church
140 Wangi Rd Toronto

*An anointing with the "Oil of the Sick"
for those who are sick, frail, elderly or
in need of healing.*



**Pope Leo's Prayer Intention
for October 2026
For Mental Health Ministry**

Let us pray that the mental health ministry
be established throughout the Church,
helping to overcome the stigma and
discrimination of persons with mental
illnesses.



(CNS photo/Vatican Media)



MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON

Tuesday 3rd November 2026

Ticket Price: \$50.00 per person
Ticket Price includes:

Glass of bubbles or punch
 2 course meal with nibbles
 (Main and Dessert)
 Can bring your own alcohol

Large screen to watch the race
 Raffle, Fashion, Sweeps
 and Lucky Door Prizes

Starting from 11.30am
 St Mary's Church Hall Warners Bay

RSVP
 SUE CAMPBELL
 MARIE OSBORNE
 JOAN WILSON
 ROBYN SPINKS

EXPLORING THE NEW TESTAMENT with Gerard Mowbray

Following on from the four Introduction to the New Testament sessions, everyone is warmly invited to join a series of five weekly Two-hour sessions exploring the riches of the New Testament. Whether you attended the introductory sessions or are joining us for the first time, you are most welcome.

The sessions will offer a range of resources for your deeper reflection and will especially emphasise studying passages of the four gospels, Acts of the Apostles and Paul's letters.

Key Areas of Study

- ✦ Understanding the first-century world of Jesus
- ✦ How the New Testament came into being and its relationship with the Old Testament
- ✦ Reading and understanding Scripture
- ✦ The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and John
- ✦ The Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles
- ✦ St Paul and his Letters



Sessions will held on the following Wednesdays :
21 October, 4 November, 11 November, 18 November, and 25 November
Session Times are:
10.00am or 6.00pm at St Michael the Archangel's Parish Hall
46 Ranclaud Street, Booragul
All resources and Bibles will be provided.
To assist with resource planning, registration is needed.

Register at:
<https://forms.cloud.microsort/r/i3dfhhvAKF>
 or the forms at the back of the Church.



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Placing Value on Womanhood

The next REAL WOMEN CAFE NIGHT

Monday, 16 November 2026

7.30 pm - 9.15 pm

St Mary's Catholic Church Hall

Booking will open at St Mary's Hall, Warners Bay
 on Saturday 17 October 2026 10am to 12pm

Donation of \$15 per person

If you would like to do a direct deposit
 please contact Sue or Marie.

Bookings may also be made by phone
 Phone: Sue - 0417 091 255 or
 Marie - 0429 191 245

Office of Safeguarding Team Move to 841 Hunter Street

Dear Parishioners,
 Please be advised that from Thursday 15 October the Office of Safeguarding is relocating from the office at 50 Crebert Street, Mayfield to 841 Hunter Street, Newcastle West. People visiting the Office of Safeguarding are asked to please attend Reception at 841 Hunter Street where a member of Safeguarding will meet you. For sensitive matters, a member of Safeguarding will make personal arrangements for the visitor to attend discreetly. If you need support from the Office of Safeguarding at any time, please: Phone: 02 4979 1390
 Email: childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au
 Visit their website at
<https://www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au/>
 Kind regards,
 Sean Tynan (Director of Safeguarding)

Invitation - Mission and Evangelisation in partnership with MacKillop Parish invite you to a Parish Mission

With special participation from the Little Nuns and Little Friars of Jesus and Mary
02 to 12 November 2026

The Little Friars and Little Nuns of Jesus and Mary are coming to the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle for a ten-day mission of faith, prayer and renewal. Known for their distinctive habits, joyful spirit and dedicated commitment to Christ, their lives are centred on prayer, community, service and helping others discover the joy of faith. Their witness is both refreshing and challenging, raising important questions about purpose, happiness, and what truly matters. Come for one event or many. Bring your questions and an open heart. You never know where God might lead.

View the schedule here: [Little Friars and Little Nuns of Jesus and Mary.](#)



25 September 2026

To the People of the Diocese regarding upcoming Parish Priest Appointments

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

You may be aware that I am currently seeking expressions of interest for the appointment of Parish Priests to multiple parishes across the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle.

Parish Priest appointments are generally for six years, and in some cases by mutual agreement are extended for an additional term or terms.

Over the past twelve months you may have noticed some of our Parish Priests becoming 'Administrators' as their term as Parish Priest ended. In some of our parish communities, Parish Priests have reached retirement age. And in other places new parish configurations have opened new possibilities for Parish Priest appointments.

Therefore, it has been my plan to create an opportunity in these final months of 2026 whereby all the priests have an opportunity to express their interest in being appointed Parish Priest in approximately twelve vacant parishes at the same time.

My hope is that following the success of parish assemblies across the Diocese this year, and the subsequent identification of pastoral priorities, I can help match, in dialogue with our priests, and their particular charism, and giftings, the most appropriate pastor to journey with you into the future.

The timing of appointments will vary throughout the remainder of this year and into the early new year. I look forward to sharing these with you.

In parishes where you will be receiving a new Parish Priest, please be assured that parish life and the work of your pastoral planning and parish renewal should not halt. The mission of the Church is absolutely yours to continue – with both your outgoing Parish Priest and incoming Parish Priest.

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael Kennedy
Bishop of Maitland-Newcastle

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This week, you are invited to partner with Catholic Mission and the Church in Malawi as we support families rebuilding after devastating floods and help children access education close to home.

Through projects like St Peter's Nyamikuta Primary School, the Church is creating a place where children can learn, be nourished, and grow with dignity, regardless of their background or beliefs.

As we celebrate 100 years of World Mission Day, we are reminded by Pope Leo XIV that we are 'One in Christ, United in Mission'.

Join with us in celebration and action by supporting this work with a compassionate gift. Use the provided appeal envelope, scan the QR code, or visit catholicmission.org.au/united to make a difference today.

Exhibition Celebrating the Life and Work of Fr Julian Tenison Woods

Monday and Friday 10am-5pm, 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month 10am-2pm.

The Diocesan Resource Centre (DRC) is hosting an exhibition that brings added depth and context to Sr Jan Tranter's recently published book, Julian Tenison Woods: The Human Journey – Priest, Founder, Friend. Featuring geological specimens, photographs, books, a continuous visual display, and a range of historical resources, the exhibition offers a fascinating insight into the life, ministry, and legacy of Fr Julian Tenison Woods.

All are welcome to explore the display at the DRC, located on the corner of Tudor and Parry Streets, Newcastle West.

Opening Hours: Monday: 10am to 5pm

Friday: 10am to 5pm

First and third Saturday of each month: 10am to 2pm

Running through to the end of the year, the exhibition offers a unique opportunity to delve deeper into the life, work and legacy of Fr Julian Tenison Woods.

Called to Know More: How is the Church Organised?

Tuesday 20 October – 12pm to 1pm,

At the Diocesan Resource Centre

Ever wondered how the Church works behind the scenes? Discover how the Church is organised to fulfil its mission in the world and why the Code of Canon Law matters to every Catholic. Join Fr Matthew Muller, Vicar General and Canon Lawyer, for an introduction to the structures, people and principles that support the Church's mission today.

Learn More: <https://mn.catholic.org.au/event/called-to-know-more-how-is-the-church-organised/>

Calling for Expressions of Interest – Councils and Advisory Boards

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle warmly invites you to once again journey with us in faith, open dialogue and discernment as we continue to establish and strengthen our new Councils and Advisory Boards.

Following our initial Expressions of Interest process last year, we are now seeking to fill some vacancies on our Councils and Advisory Boards as we build on the strong foundation.

This next phase is an opportunity to broaden participation and ensure our governance reflects the diversity and rich gifts of our diocesan community.

Our renewed governance model honours both civil and Church law and is grounded in the mission and teachings of the Church.

The Councils and Advisory Boards that have formed play an important role in shaping the future of our Diocese, contributing to decisions that support faithful, sustainable and mission-driven outcomes. Already our Pastoral Council has been discerning our call to mission. Read more here.

We invite people from across the Diocese who feel called to serve to submit an expression of interest via the Diocesan website and QR code. Link: <https://mn.catholic.org.au/governance-advisory-group-eoi/>

In particular, opportunities exist for those with backgrounds in Governance, Finance Banking and Insurance.

These groups work in a synodal way marked by collaboration, respectful listening and thoughtful conversation.

Join with us - this is a unique opportunity to share your gifts, deepen your engagement in the life of the Church and help shape the path ahead for our Diocese.

2026 LGBTIQ+ Liturgy

Friday 06 November – 6pm, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Tighes Hill

Every year since 2022, our Diocesan community has gathered to pray with LGBTIQ+ people, their families, friends, and supporters. All are welcome to attend and join in for supper following the Liturgy.

Learn More: [LGBTIQ+ Liturgy 2026 - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle](#)

"Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar
– and to God what belongs to God"

Matthew 22:21

**WE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING
MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:**

Sick List: Virginia Wise, Phil O'Neill, Adriana Lenardon, Mary Aganovic, Alec Aganovic, Taylor Aganovic, Christopher Murray, Penny Jordan, Katherine McCarthy, Helen Martin, James Bennett, Silvi Bennett, Dakai Smith, Scott Massey, Peter Corcoran, Maya Kelly, Paul Whitelaw, Simon Morrice, Victor Andres Guerrero Luhing, Margaret Sheridan, Judy Blissett, Judy Fisher, Jenny Moles, Sarah Hill, Judith Kilburn, Kath Brooks, Brett Sulman, Richard Tooker, Roz Wood, Amanda Sevil, Ella Hammond, Theresa Shahinian, Dianna Close, and Monica LoCascio.

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Anne Reghenzani, Ken Sevil

Please contact the office if there are any changes.



Piety Café

Time to restock

- Biscuits
- Long Life Full Cream Milk

Donations can be dropped off at the Piety Café.

Thank you for your support

BAPTISMS

This weekend we will witness the baptism of

William Edward Wesley Uele

Jerahmyah-J Elia Uele

Alekisanita-J Triplet Dennis Uele

Staloisio-J Kelly Kaveinga Uele

Viviena-Lea Ebony Uele

May the gift of baptism they will receive strengthen them.

For their journey of life and faith they will share with us.

Please remember the **Uele** family in your prayers

**St Joseph's
MASS OF
REMEMBRANCE**

**Friday
6th November | 7.00 pm
2026**



Blank cards are available at the back of the church for you to write the names of your deceased loved one(s) on and place in the bowl prior to the Remembrance Mass.

During the Remembrance Mass, the bowl will be carried in and placed at the foot of our Remembrance Cross which will remain in the church for the month of November.

You are invited to stay for a cuppa after the Mass.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Volunteers needed.

We have a number of roles to be filled for this occasion - AV operator, bus driver, Communion minister, candle and funeral book carriers, readers, Piety Café and welcomers.

If you are planning on attending the annual Mass of Remembrance and would like to volunteer, could you please add your name to the list at the back of the church.



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St Mary's Primary School K-6

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Acting Principal: Anne-Maree Shipman

PARISH GROUPS

Finance Committee

Tuesday 20th October – 6pm

St Michael's Booragul

Pastoral Council Meeting

Monday 19th October - 6.30pm

St Michael's Booragul

Promotion of Safeguarding

Please contact the office

Mass Collection

***First Collection supports our
priests:***

BSB: 066 739

Account Number: 100003439

Account Name: CBA

Reference: *Your Surname.*

***Second Collection supports our
parish:***

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Donations to support our parish can also be made via the EFTPOS machine at the back of the church



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